

§1771. Standards for Construction of Pull Tabs

A. Pull tabs shall be constructed so that it is impossible to determine the covered or concealed number, symbol, or set of symbols, on the pull tab until it has been dispensed to and opened by the player, by any method or device, including but not limited to, the use of a marking, variance in size, variance in paper fiber, or light.

B. All pull tabs, except banded and latex covered pull tabs, will be constructed using a two or three ply paper stock construction.

C. The manufacturer shall conspicuously print on the face or cover sheet the name of the manufacturer or trademark identifying the manufacturer. The series number shall be printed on the game information side of the ticket. On banded pull tabs, the series number and the name of the manufacturer or trademark identifying the manufacturer shall be printed so both are readily visible prior to opening the pull tab. Each deal or set shall have a separate serial number.

D. The cover sheet or "open here" side shall be color coded when individual series numbers are repeated and may show the consumer how to open the pull tab to determine the symbols or numbers. The cover sheet will contain perforated and/or clean-cut openings centered over the symbols or numbers on the back of the face sheet in such a manner as to allow easy opening by the consumer after purchase of the pull tabs, while at the same time, not permitting pull tabs to be opened prematurely in normal handling. Perforation should exist on both horizontal lines of the opening with either a perforated or clean-cut edge on the vertical or elliptical line where the tab must be grasped for opening after bending the edge of the ticket down. On latex covered pull tabs, either the face or back of the pull tab shall be color coded when individual series numbers are repeated and may show the consumer how to remove the latex to determine the symbols or numbers. On banded pull tabs, the bands shall be color coded when individual series numbers are repeated.

E. Pull tabs will be glued or sealed so that it is impossible to determine the covered or concealed numbers, symbol or set of symbols on the pull tab until it has been dispensed to and opened by the player.

F. All pull tabs shall be of a uniform thickness within a series. Vendable pull tabs are defined as pull tabs that are sold out of mechanical pull tab dispensing devices approved for such use in this state. The single opening and double sided tabs shall have an overall bulk thickness of .045 inch per pull tab, plus or minus .003 inch. The multiple opening tabs shall have an overall bulk thickness of .026 inches per pull tab, plus or minus .002 inches.

G. Nonvendable pull tabs are defined as those that cannot be sold out of mechanical pull tab dispensing devices approved for use in this state. Nonvendable pull tabs may be dispensed from fishbowls, receptacles,

or spindles; however, in no case shall they be dispensed from the packing box. Manufacturers of nonvendable pull tabs may use any thickness that complies with all other rules. In no instance will any type of pull tabs be approved where the winning tabs are distinguishable by visible variation in dimension.

H. All pull tabs within a single pull tab series shall also be uniform in length and width and may not vary by more than 3/64 inch between series. Vendable pull tabs which are single opening or double sided tabs shall be 1 7/8 inches x 1 inch, plus or minus 1/8 inch. Multiple opening vendable pull tabs shall be 3 1/2 inches x 1 7/8 inches, plus or minus 1 inch. Nonvendable pull tabs may be manufactured in any size so long as they comply with all other rules.

I. Winner Protection. A unique symbol or printed device shall be placed in the high tier winner window so as to insure that the high tier winner is made unique.

J. Color or Printing Variations. It should not be possible to detect or pick out winning from losing tickets through variations in printing, graphics or colors, especially those involving different printing plates.

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